

WIN AND LOSE IN HOCKEY GAMES

Bassano Defeats Strathmore But Loses Hard-Fought Game to Gleichen

The third winning the Bassano hockey team ran in the season happened at Gleichen last Friday evening. The Bassano team played the best game they have put up this season, at that, and when they hit their stride came nearly losing the game. McHugh and Kilpatrick, the Gleichen star hockeyists, had enough punch left to win out by the score of 5-3.

The Gleichen team ran in three goals before the Bassano even had properly woken up. The second period saw the game close and ended 3-1 in Gleichen's favor. In the last period the score was tied when McCaughy and Currie scored, but a sport in the last five minutes put the Gleichen team ahead.

The local team is running into shape nicely and should show up a great deal better from now on. McCaughy was in great form and was the pick of the locals. Currie and Flanagan were not far behind him. "Doc" Nelson played his first game on the wing position and proved a find for that old left wing. Scott showed up much better than in any previous game, but Archie Ferguson didn't seem to hit his proper stride. Bill Fortier stopped every possible shot except a flip from the wings.

Gleichen put up a snappy band of hockey, McHugh and Kilpatrick being the best of the forwards and Ducks Jensen in goal had all the luck, besides a lot of skill. Yankee Flanagan played a neat game and in fact the entire team stepped lively in the game. There was much penalty imposed, that being a minor offense.

Win From Strathmore

The Bassano hockey team broke into the win column on Wednesday night when Strathmore was defeated 5-1 on local ice. The visitors were lost on the big ice and didn't have a chance. The local were in their best form and combined well. Flanagan and McCaughy compose the best defense in the league.

Bassano's team was composed largely of celebrities. Mr. McCaughy, who played center, is the present D.P.M. of Bassano District No. 7, and is a member of the local hockey team. The Bassano boys were all good sports, however, and they stood for a bad game without much murmuring.

Milk Cows Must Undergo Test

Board of Health Decides Dairies Must Take Precautions

No person shall be permitted to sell milk in Bassano unless the cows from which the milk is obtained are inspected and a permit issued. The board of health arrived at this decision at a recent meeting and the motion was moved by Mayor Bradin seconded by J. Allen. The cost of the test and the permit is \$2 per cow.

Those at the meeting were Mayor Bradin, Dr. Scott, J. Allen and Dr. Barlow. R. H. Strathmore sent in his resignation as secretary which was accepted and William McLaws was named in his stead. The estimate expenditure for the year was fixed at \$25.00.

The payment of a bill incurred by an isolation case at the hospital, which was turned over to the board of health, was taken up. As the patient came from Gleichen, the board will communicate with the Gleichen board of health.

Precautionary measures in regard to meat sold in Bassano were advised and in future all meat sold will be subject to inspection. This was decided on motion of Dr. Scott, seconded by Mayor Bradin.

Hockey Schedule

A second schedule was drawn up by the Bow Valley Hockey League as follows:
Jan. 29, Bassano at Strathmore;
Feb. 2, Strathmore at Bassano;
Feb. 5, Bassano at Gleichen;
Feb. 11, Bassano at Gleichen;
Feb. 16, Gleichen at Bassano.

Alberta Statesman Dead

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Make An End To Soldier Settlement

Reservation of All Dominion Lands Near Railway Will Terminate By First of Next May

OTTAWA.—By order-in-council approved on Friday, the reservation for soldier settlement of all Dominion lands in the western provinces within a radius of fifteen miles of a railway will be terminated on May 1st next except insofar as this reservation applies to lands withdrawn in the foregoing special reserve, the Riding Mountain reserve, Boundary reserve, Hudson Bay reserve or any individual parcels reserved for the purpose of dealing with cases of soldiers still pending or reserved for other special reasons.

Provision also is made for the withdrawal of the Dominion lands in the case of newly opened areas, however, soldier settlers will be given one day's priority.

Legislature Will Open in February

Provincial Legislature Not Likely to Meet Till Feb. 26.

EDMONTON.—The provincial legislature will be again postponed, it is now thought likely in government circles. The date will be further advanced probably ten days or two weeks, bringing the opening of the session to some date between February 25 and March 1. A decision in the matter will be reached in the course of the next few days, and the country members will then be notified of the second chance in the date as before.

The reason for the further postponement is that it is now feared Premier Stewart will not be sufficiently recovered to return to work as soon as first expected. While he is making satisfactory progress, and is expected by his physicians to be continuing substantially in his general condition, the nature of his illness is such that a considerable time must necessarily be allowed for a full recovery, and in order to gain him a sure and safe margin it has been thought advisable by the cabinet ministers to delay the session until the end of February.

Masquerade Dance

Genl schoolhouse, Feb. 14th, admission \$1 a couple, first and second prizes for best and worst original costumes, ladies and gents, first and second prize for most unusual costume, ladies and gents, lunch served, good music. Held under auspices of Genl U. F. A. 2163

Curling Club Is In Operation

Fine New Rink Completed, Officers And Rinks Chosen

With a fine plant of skids in any town in Alberta, the curling club started operations this week. The rink is built to provide for extension and at present two fine sheets are available. Over fifty enthusiastic curlers have joined the club and at a well-attended meeting on Tuesday night the following officers were elected:

Hon. Pres.—Hon. C. R. Mitchell
President—Harvey Smith
Vice Pres.—A. H. Hunter
Sec. (Genl)—H. W. Ford
Executive—McCaughy, Pollis and Ford
Referee—Geo. Stiles
Ice committee—McCaughy, G. Stiles, H. Smith
The rink are:
D. Smith, Knox, Currie, Nesbitt, Dink, T. H. Hunter, Connolly, G. Stiles
Booster, Robinson, Stinson, McLaws
Walters, Allen, McGregor, Barrow
Plimmer, McCarty, Fortier, N. Scott
Webster, Seale, J. Stiles, McCaughy
Holley, Wright, J. O'Neil, Ford, Wright, McCallum, Holmes, H. Smith
D. Silva, L. Wilson, Rop, Barrow
Dance, Bredin, McKee, Pollis, Ferguson, Dooley, Gettig, McClellan
Hayes, Sanbrook, Nelson, A. G. Scott

Bachelors Won

The single men achieved a notable victory over the married men in an exciting game of bridge played on Wednesday night.

Bacon was in great form on the day and kept the interest at a high level with his brilliant remarks. The score was as follows:

Bachelors	Marrieds
Lessard	125
Gayland	124
McGee	108
W. Wilson	107
M. Smith	106
Walker	105
Ferguson	104
McLaws	103
Stinson	102
I. Wilson	101
Benedict	100
Milroy	99
McLaws	98
McGee	97
Holmes	96
Currie	95
McCaughy	94
Ferguson	93
Nelson	92
Goble	91
Docky	90
McKinnon	89
Total	1475

May Have Election In Great Britain

As a Result of Defeat of Coalition Candidates in "Dover Election"

LONDON.—With the result of the Dover election which Sir Thomas Pakenham unexpectedly beat the Coalition candidate, Major Asker, rumors of a general election have been revived. Major Pakenham ran on an anti-coalition ticket.

WINNIPEG.—The Free Press Evening Bulletin states: "A blockade of the business of the legislature until Labor members imprisoned on charges of sedition conspiracy are released, is planned by the Labor group in the provincial house, according to information obtained as the parliament buildings today. The Labor members plan to continue to debate on the speech from the throne until William Flett, George Armstrong and John Currie are paroled so that they will be free to assist in the social and pleasure side of such a gathering, it would mean much to the town in the way of increasing civic pride in the town's history and future.

The government intends to choose Hon. J. B. Baine, M.L.A., for mainstay speaker again this session. Two opposition groups in the house decided at a convention held here recently to uphold the government's choice of speaker for the house.

FARMERS FAVOR POOL PROPOSAL

But Feel Need of Ample Information Previous To Launching Gigantic Scheme

The United Farmers of Alberta, in convention assembled at Edmonton last week decided in favor of the principle of co-operative marketing, but took no definite steps other than to agree that all available sources of information be tapped so that nothing might be overlooked when the time came for a decided step to be taken in this respect.

The convention readily recognized the enormity of the enterprise of producing the "wheat pool" and decided it was best to walk warily and take cognizance of everything that might be encountered in the way of difficulties before launching into the scheme. To that and the following motion was passed with but half a dozen dissenting votes:

Resolved: That as any venture to establish a voluntary co-operative plan of marketing the grain of Canada is so vast and entirely without precedent this body recognizes the necessity of obtaining the fullest possible information bearing upon this proposal from all available sources, and to express its appreciation of the efforts so far made by the Canadian council of agriculture and its marketing committee and urges that all available information should be distributed as far as possible among the grain growers of this country. Therefore, we recommend that our representative, in conjunction with the representatives of the other organizations affiliated through the Canadian council of agriculture, should press forward with the work of preparing the way to the final establishment of a co-operative scheme for the marketing of the wheat crop of the Dominion.

The convention passed a resolution in favor of bondy prohibition, and also voted its approval of a resolution asking that the prohibition legislation against the manufacturing of cigarettes be passed.

Gordon Forster of Nately was again elected director for Bow River.

Knox Church Had Very Satisfactory Year

Annual Meeting Held and Reports Presented. New Officers Elected

The annual congregational meeting of Knox Presbyterian Church was held on Wednesday the 19th, last, when excellent reports from all departments connected with the church were presented.

The grand total raised by the church during the year was approximately \$5,000, of that amount, fully \$1,500 was for missionary and benevolent purposes. Rev. T. S. Paton conducted the devotional exercises, and spoke of the spiritual spirit, of the harmony and co-operation which had been manifested during the past year. Thereafter the chairman of the board of managers, Mr. A. McKee, presided.

The Sunday School has a membership of 122 with an average weekly attendance of about 100. The Cradle Roll has a membership of 35. The reason reported 14 new members received during the year, of this number, 6 were young people from the Sunday School. There were 12 dismissal certificates issued.

The Sunday School raised \$500; the Women's Missionary Society \$170. A new feature of the W. M. S. work is a mission band started in the spring of last year, and has a membership of 20 children. There was subscribed to the Forward Movement \$100 in two instalments, making three instalments. The remaining one-fourth will be received during the present year. The Ladies' Aid raised \$350. The church treasurer reported his total receipts to be \$5,280; of this amount \$1,500 was paid towards the manse purchased last year. It was decided to remove the grant received from the Presbytery by the sum of \$100. The meeting was faced with the problem of church extension, mainly for Sunday School purposes, and a committee of five was appointed to go into the matter. The board of managers elected for the present year are: Mrs. E. F. Maurer, Mrs. S. Leonard; Messrs. E. D. Nesbitt, E. F. Maurer, H. J. Pison, H. Plimmer, H. Jones, O. McMill and G. W. Walters. After the meeting a social hour was spent when the ladies served refreshments.

Suggest Re-union Of Bassano Oldtimers

'Former Bassano Resident Makes Proposal For Pioneer Celebration in Town

J. S. Mayor of Calgary, a pioneer resident of Bassano, has suggested the holding of a re-union of Bassano oldtimers within the next two months. The Mayor heartily concurs with the idea and believes that it should be taken up by the oldtimers of this town, in co-operation with citizens who have arrived at later dates. Aside from the social and pleasure side of such a gathering, it would mean much to the town in the way of increasing civic pride in the town's history and future.

Excerpts from Mr. Mayor's letter regarding this subject are: "In this week's issue of The Mail appeared a diploma entitled 'Early Recollections of Bassano'. The reading of it has warmed me with pleasant and pleasant memories of the past ten years and Bassano's early days. The pioneers of Bassano are fast scattering or disappearing and it occurs to me that it might not be out of place at this time to hold a re-union of those who are left and whose presence can be obtained. After all, the best life has to offer are pleasant associations and memories, the latter said at times, but nevertheless forming with the experience of the passing moments that indefinable something which makes one glad to have lived. "Would it not be quite possible to have a re-union of those who settled in Bassano in say 1911 and previous to that date? Some social gatherings or gatherings might be arranged and those who are young citizens, now might not be excluded. Possibly the matter might be arranged sometime within the next two months. Certainly an affair of that kind would make municipal history by saying nothing of adding somewhat to the 'fairy of nations'."

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Lathom

Mrs. Roy Powell and family have returned from an extended stay in their home in Iowa.

Mrs. Ross and Miss Barton, school teachers, spent last week-end in Calgary.

Miss Violet Bennett has returned from Garbutt's, Calgary, and has finished her education. She will soon be admitted in the grade world. Too bad, too bad!

Percy Powell has purchased ten head of sheep from Mr. Edmund. What can a man do, Percy? solve the weed problem?

A Farmers' Meeting will be held in the Lathom schoolhouse on Feb. 2nd. Don H. Park, R. B. Baird and E. A. Beck are going to talk on crop rotation, dairy practice and preparation of land. Although this is a farmers' meeting we want everybody to turn out whether they be farmer or not. Remember, everybody welcome.

Jack Tiesis is spending a few days in Calgary this week.

Mr. Erickson, a newcomer, has bought an irrigated quarter about 2 miles east of Lathom. He has built a fine house and is expecting his wife soon. We wish him all success.

W. Davidson who left Lathom last fall is back in Calgary after a trip through B. C. Bill says that he couldn't find a piece of land out there that he would trade his quarter for here in Lathom, which proves that there's no place like Lathom. So Bill is coming back to reside here again.

Percy Powell has joined the "wee-wee". Oh boys! wait till we see him with his pants rolled up, wading around in the cold water next summer trying to make water run up hill. Better get her live off first Percy.

We noticed Andy Todd buy some extra fine envelopes and paper at the store the other night. You better get an irrigated farm while the getting's good, Andy. Cream colored notepaper is a sure sign that something's doing.

"As a plant upon the earth, so a man
Is to the grace we say to God."
—Tingebor.

"It is comely fashion to be glad,
He is nourished by untiring foun-
tains,
And draws of his need, inexhaustible
power."
—Emerson

Crowfoot News

Mrs. H. Edmonds returned from south where she has been visiting for the past two weeks.

Bry Newson left for the coast for a few weeks' vacation before spring work.

The trustees of the Altaville school gave a dance there on Friday night. Though a very pleasant evening was spent there was not a large crowd.

All the farmers are busy putting in their supply of coal and some under trying circumstances. When they get there they cannot get their load and have to come again. This is from the town mine. I say that come, first served!

Countess News

Mr. and Mrs. Alex Fulton entertained the following guests at a dinner party last Wednesday evening: Mr. and Mrs. Vanderlinder and children, Russell and Sayre, Mr. and Mrs. Shue, Mr. and Mrs. Yon. Five hundred \$5. played and a very enjoyable evening was spent.

There will be a U. F. A. and Women's Institute meeting at the home of Mrs. M. S. Burrows on Thursday afternoon and evening. All are welcome.

Lathom News

(Special Correspondent)
Slim packs a grip from town now, he says it's full of old history.

Mr. Sam Ance is sure travelling now. Pa and Ma before Uncle Roy and Sam.

Look out for the old history, some one's sure to be knighted.

"Wild Man" Tells Peculiar Story When Surrounded by Civilization

LAUREL, Miss.,—Surrounded by the comforts of civilization, Albert Parson, the "wild man of the Lani River bottom," his 60-year-old wife, whom he says he caught 21 years ago in a trap, and a two-year-old baby girl, all of whom strayed into the village of Lux Friday like people from another age, are as much a mystery to the authorities as when first discovered.

Interest centres on the identity of the being. Authorities feel certain that she is not the child of the couple, who although in perfect health show signs of years of primitive living and constant fighting with the forces of nature. The woman has but an eye, which she declares in rambling statements, was "crushed out by a wild cat."

ESTRAY.—On the premises of J. J. Mansley, (35-39 P.W. 1) one red beef-steer, white face, three years old, branded left shoulder, left ribs. Also one red beef-steer, white spots, about four years old, branded left ribs. Has been around above place two months. 21-26c

ESTRAY.—On the premises of Chester Powell, Bassano, S. 20 W. 1-4 33-20-18 W. 1, one red bull, white face, looks like pure-bred Hereford, nicked out of both ears, about two years and a half old, branded right ribs and left thigh. Came to above premises six weeks ago. 21-26c

M. H. Gamble, W. 1-2 25, 21, P. Bassano P.O. 20-22c

ESTRAY.—On the premises of E. J. Trisland, S. 20 E. 1-4 33-20-18 W. 1, one black steer rising two years old, no visible brand. 21-26c

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WANTED.—Tenders for contract for double discing 500 acres near breaking, Majorsville district, at commencement of spring. Applicants state price per acre and apply to box 185, Bassano. 19-21c

WANTED.—Woman to do general housework. Mrs. Stiles, Bassano. 19-16c

GEM THEATRE PROGRAM

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"THE RURAL SCHOOL PROBLEM"
H. A. Malcolm, Innisfail
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SOME EXPERIENCES OF HUMAN INTEREST UNDER-
GONE IN EVERY-DAY LIFE BY EVERY-DAY PEOPLE

ELSPETH

A LONELY WOMAN WHO
CROCHETED—AN OLD
SWEETHEART—HAPPY
EVER AFTER

It was a late September afternoon and it was just five o'clock, that hour when most business of the day is in a little flurry as their clerks are preparing to leave when the quiet streets begin to be filled with a multitude of pedestrians hurrying to their homes. Miss Tripp looked out of her high window and sighed as she carefully laid down the piece of delicate crocheting upon which she was engaged. Five o'clock it was at this hour every day that she laid down her work and put her little kettle on to partake of her frugal meal alone. The sense of her loneliness struck her more tragically and forcibly than day on other days because today she was thirty-five, thirty-five, and for the first five years she had been alone, and it seemed to her in her despondent frame of mind that she would always be alone, that she was of no use to anyone in the whole wide world.

Elspeth Tripp belonged to a past generation, in appearance and in ideals. As she talked one could imagine Jane Austen weaving a wonderful romance around her; she was fragile and like a piece of china, but alas, the present generation had not awakened to her value to the same extent as they realized the worth of old and priceless china. She had been left at an early age to mother ten growing children. She had not known the usual romance and joys of youth, she had been too busy ministering to her ten children and looking out of the window which looked on to the busy street with its numberless passers-by and realized that she was always been so, she had ever been alone in the crowd, alone, with her thoughts, her ideals, her old and almost forgotten romance of past generations. She had had a lover and her eyes misted as she remembered his quiet, handsome face and his gentle kindly manner with her but like the other good things of life, she thought, somewhat bitterly, she had allowed him to go from her. She had been too busy with her many household cares to respond to his quiet love-making, too quiet and reserved to let him see that she cared, and another had stepped in; and then with a smile on her face so that none ever guessed she witnessed the wedding while her heart was breaking.

"Ships That Pass"

"Pshaw!" she thought, as she went about her preparations for making her simple meal, "I must be getting old, it's all over and done with, I wonder what kind of a wife Lela made him!" She was a proud piece in everything else but Richard and she did love him, so I suppose she got the happiness which I missed."

The little room in which Elspeth was living was painfully neat, every thing in its place. It was arranged with a view to compactness and the cleanliness of every cover spoke of the years of experience in housekeeping and the love of order which was in Elspeth's heart. She lifted the chintz curtain which hid the cupboard containing her few supplies and then exclaimed:

"No sugar, well I could bear that any other night but this, I'll go get some. I must have sugar in my tea on my birthday," and she laughed a rather nervous laugh, as she donned her hat and took her gloves to ally down to the corner store.

She walked slowly along, she had plenty of time she thought, she always had plenty of time now. How thankful had been those children for whom she had given up her youth. Still, she knew that had she the time over again she would do the same. They were all settled comfortably and rarely gave a thought to the maiden sister who had worked so hard for them in their childhood. Oh, there would very likely be a parcel of some kind for her in a few days. They never remembered the exact date of her birthday, but that would be all. Still she mused she would not have wanted to live with them and him if they had offered her a home, but it would have warmed her heart just to think that they would have remembered her birthday. After all why should they want her now that they had homes, husbands, wives and children of their own?

It was getting dim, the time had passed very quickly and she had not felt like hurrying, and she could scarcely believe her ears when she heard a voice which once had thrilled her:

"Elspeth!"

There they stood on the sidewalk which was now almost deserted except for an occasional passerby who gazed curiously at the aged woman with the flush on her usually pale face, and the tall, dark man who stood with hands outstretched as he repeated over again:

"Elspeth!"

After fifteen years, it was thus they met on her birthday.

Elspeth Tripp at last gained her presence of mind sufficiently to say:

"How is Lela, Richard?"

"Didn't you know?" he asked, "Lela died eight years ago. I wrote but you never answered and then someone said they thought you had married and I didn't return to the old home."

"Married, me!" Elspeth laughed, "but it was a happier life, even though her eyes were filled with tears as she realized the changes to strange and often unexpected which life brings."

"So you are not married? Where are you living and what are you doing?"

"I am living in this town, in one little bedroom. I do crocheting for my living, and this is my birthday," she added rather sadly, "I was just going to the store to get some sugar for my tea."

Richard Harding, astute and prosperous, gazed at her tenderly. He saw nothing odd in her prim, proper way of speaking and in her old-fashioned clothes. Elspeth Tripp had once to him held all there was of romance in the world, and though she looked now a little worn and weary, she was still his ideal. He grasped at once the tragedy of her existence and his heart was indig-

nant at the treatment meted to her by fate.

"Well, now," he said, "you are going to have your birthday party with me, then we will talk and if I have my way Elspeth, you are not going to hide away from me any more."

"But I am not dressed, I must change my gown," she exclaimed, and there is still my kettle on the stove."

"I will wait until you're ready," he replied as they entered the narrow hall of the rooming house. He sat down on the chair provided for such transient visitors by the landlady and Elspeth went fluttering up the stairs to get ready for the party.

What a wonderful world it was after all she thought as she turned out her stove, changed into her one gray silk dress and put on her hair, which was never untidy.

And after the party and the most wonderful evening of her life, Elspeth had promised on the morrow to become Mrs. Richard Harding, and to return with him to the marvellous ranch on which it appeared Richard had made his fortune. Next summer he told her they would go to Europe and would see a little of the world and make up for the long years on their separation.

When the members of the family for whom Elspeth had worked and slaved, heard the news somewhat enviously they merely remarked, "Well, just imagine old Elspeth, that's a piece of luck, however. It was Richard Harding who considered himself the luckiest person in the world, and as for Elspeth herself, she often remarked that she felt like Cinderella after the ball and hoped that she would not wake up to find herself with her old stove and her crocheting all alone again."

—E. L.

Goats' Milk Ice Cream

Ice cream made of goats' milk and flavored with rose leaves is a popular foreign delicacy in Greece and Crete, according to an American Red Cross worker recently returned from abroad. Goats' milk is whiter than cows' milk and ice cream frozen from it has almost the blue tinge of skimmed milk, unless colored by the petals of the rose. Why not try rose petals in American ice cream?

A process for the production of alcohol and yeast from seaweed has been patented in England.

SOME HINTS TO THE MAN WHO SELLS

This Miniature House Helps

A paint dealer has in his office a little house which is made of interchangeable parts. The roof, for instance, is black and the side walls and porches are of some contrasting color. If he wishes to show the customer the effect of different color combinations, he simply exchanges some of the parts of this house for other parts of different colors.

He says it has helped him in many cases to secure contracts which otherwise he could not have closed so easily. The expense of the contrivance is not great and it paid for itself in a short time.

Taking Five Orders at Once

In order that it may retain the baby's first portrait is made until the year when the greatest number of portraits are made—Bushman's of Los Angeles has a plan that saves salesmanship expense and gets a maximum of repeat business.

Watching the birth notices, this studio solicits an order for making a portrait of the child on his first birthday. The mother is advised that if she will have an annual portrait made, at about the baby's anniversary, she will be presented with a panel free containing the five portraits for the five years.

This means taking an order for five years' work at one time, and but little follow-up work is required to remind the mother of the portrait as the anniversary of the baby's birthday approaches.

How to Concentrate on Ideas

"The importance of talking one amount was first illustrated to me, and rather vividly, in book selling," says an insurance executive who was more than usually successful in the days when he was selling books.

The book was offered in four bindings, ranging in price from \$6 down to \$2.90. Three of the bindings, the cheaper ones, were shown by a flap on the prospectus I carried, and the fourth, which had been issued later, by an extra panel that I carried in my pocket.

Any more than the most expensive binding first, but if the sale was not made, I soon showed the others. This diverted the prospect's attention from the essential

matter of the book to the comparatively unimportant one of the bindings. And it half-conceded—that was not the fact—that the cheaper ones were better bargains.

A "Live" Display Window

One block in New York City is given over entirely to automobile display rooms. The windows are spacious and the machines beautiful, but there is a certain monotony even in white, light, yellow wheels, and luxurious palms. Lately, however, one window in that row has succeeded in interesting large crowds that otherwise would not have entered the impressive portals for a demonstration.

In the background of the window is a brand new garage. In the foreground, a father is demonstrating the fine points of his new car to his wife and their small son and daughter. The wife is in a dress without a hat, but she climbs into the car so that her husband may show her how the engine starts, how the gears work, and so on.

The little girl calls attention to the excellence of the finish by looking at her reflection in one of the fenders. Occasionally she hops into the car and tries the mirrors inside, and jumps up and down on the cushions to show her springiness. The small boy is most interested in the engine and mechanical details.

Imagination and human interest do the rest of the sales talk. The sales from this display have increased tremendously for the dealer has given individuality to his window.

A. MURPHY.

Diplomatic Tears

A little girl who had been sent out to buy a pennyworth of milk, had the misfortune to fall and break the jug. She arrived home crying pitifully.

"What's the matter?" inquired her mother.

"I fell and broke the jug," answered the little girl.

"But you surely have not been crying like that all the way home," "No," the little girl answered. "I started at the bottom of the stairs."

A Close Family

New Footman—"In my last year I always took things fairly easy."

Butler—"Well, it's different here. They keep everything locked up."

Drawn By

NELL BRINKLEY

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THE PERSONAL SIDE

PROMINENT WESTERN CHARACTERS—SOME INTERESTING ANECDOTES OF PEOPLE WE ALL KNOW.

MR. TOM HOURIE (Second Article)

MORE ABOUT SWIMMING THE RIVER—GENERAL MID-
DLETON AND TOM AT BATOCHE—DEATH OF CAP-
TAIN FRENCH—TOM UNMASKS THE ENEMY RIFLE
PITS.

In my last article I said I would tell a plain story, and leave the reader to use his own imagination in regard to Tom Hourie's feat in swimming the Saskatchewan when the ice was running. I think this heroic incident should not be dismissed with a mere bald statement of facts, so I will ask the reader to picture young Hourie as he reined up on the bank and saw that quarter or half mile of rushing river, with great cakes of ice crashing and grinding their way along. But for the ice the problem would have been no problem at all. He could have swum across on his horse, or behind the animal and let the horse tow him by its tail. But ice-cold water with floors many of them weighing tons, the prospect might well appal the stoutest heart. He tried to maintain a foothold on an ice floe and was plunged into the river. Now, imagine him drenched to the skin, and perished with cold, taking a second look at that river. Is there a man in a million who would not have said: "It is impossible," and have remounted his horse and ridden back on his horse to report failure in the face of insurmountable obstacles? Hourie's heart must have been iron, and his soul of steel, for as the reader knows, he stripped naked, and, keeping his clothing, containing General Middleton's dispatch, from sinking by fastening it to a cage of sticks, he crossed the mighty river, and made himself a name for courage, fidelity and endurance which will never die in this country. I venture to say that no other man, no greater swimmer feat ever performed by a human being since the world began. Nothing but the most wonderful power of endurance could have carried him through. How he escaped having his muscular system paralyzed by the icy water passes my comprehension. In the winter of 1905 on board a steamship between St. John and Halifax, a pilot named McKay, a middle-aged Nova Scotian, told me that he had spent twenty years before he had been swept overboard into the Atlantic at night from a sailing vessel. It was midwinter and foggy, or to use his own words, the air was "full of vapor." He told me he was swimming in his oilskin suit at once, "suffering cold swim no more." He remembered nothing more till he found himself in his bunk on board the ship from which he had been swept overboard. Almost miraculously the boat's crew found him floating unconscious, being borne up by air which had got under his oilskin. He said he felt little the worse, but they pumped a lot of water into him to revive him, and not till a couple of days after did he waken when he brought up several quarts of black fluid composed of rum and salt water. Hourie had no amounting of purpose oil as professional swimmers have and he had hardly had time to rest when he was swept overboard on the 30th day of March, 1885, and to the eternal shame of someone I state the fact, on the authority of his father, that he never neither took a rest nor a day's rest after he was swept away to his capture of Riel. If I were to express what I feel as to the treatment of Hourie and son, I fear, gentle reader, this page would burn your fingers. The remuneration Tom received was simply that of an ordinary man employed on a transport, and when Peter Hourie states this as a fact, those who knew Peter will not require any further evidence.

The Fate of Tom Hourie

It has already been stated in these columns that Peter Hourie, in the interests of economy was reduced from the position of interpreter at Regina to that of a farm instructor at the Crooked Lakes Reserve, where he remained for a few more some kind of life on forty dollars a month.

For two years after the rebellion Tom was not able to work the tremendous frost which twice during the winter had drained even his mighty heart, and from that to the end of his days at the age of fifty-one, he was never a sound man. In 1897—long years before the great rush—Tom went to the Yukon, and there he died, not unworried, unobscured or ununsung exactly, for this gentle giant of a man achieved the respect and admiration of many, and the affection of not a few.

He died on Thursday, Dec. 23rd, 1908, at Dawson, Y.T.

A Tribute from the Yukon

In the early Yukon days there was a desire for some sort of home government, and when at the two more men a legislative association was formed. On his son's death his father received a communication of which a copy is subjoined, and which will explain itself. I may say that the communication or address was typewritten, with a black border made of black ink, and was cut off from mourning paper and pasted on the address. It was tied with a black ribbon through eye-hole holes. Attached to this was the gold tin foil seal of G. P. McLeod, Commissioner for taking affidavits. In order to preserve the address it was pasted to an unfiled affidavit form. It read as follows:

YUKON TERRITORY, CONDOLENCES TO MR. AND MRS. HOURIE, REGINA, SASKATCHEWAN.

We, the undersigned members of the Yukon Legislative Association at Dawson, Yukon Territory, are deeply grieved to hear of the death of your son, Tom Hourie. He was a fellow-worker of ours and an honorable man. We have known him intimately during his long residence in this Territory since 1897, and we humbly beg to offer you our sincere and heartfelt sympathy.

Although you have not seen him of late years still, of course, the news of his death must have been a great shock to you. We knew him as a hard working, honest man, and it is sad that he should have been cut off at such an off age in manhood as 51 years of his life. At present we have no doubt you can hardly realize your loss and the break made in your lives must be terrible to bear, but you have the consolation of knowing that at his death in the Good Samaritan Hospital at 415 a.m. on Thursday, December 23rd, 1908, he was surrounded by friends.

We know that the shock of the valley of death cannot compass a mother's and father's love, and that time of the great healer, will bring balm to you—to your wounded spirit and to your aching hearts for the departed son.

Where the faded flower shall blossom,
Blossom never more to fade,
Where the shaded skies shall brighten,
Brighten never more to shade,
Where the son shall meet his mother,
And the mother meet her child,
And their families be gathered,
That are scattered in the wild,
Dear ones we shall meet and rest,
Mid-the-holy and the blest.

May the wish for your future reunion be your hope, comfort and stay.

We are,
YUKON LEGISLATIVE ASSOCIATION,
(Signed)

H. L. Clements, President, Arthur J. Allman,
D. W. McLeod, Secretary, W. S. McCune,
J. S. Barron, A. R. Ludwick,
James H. Falconer, D. J. Cronin,
E. S. Blacklock, J. J. McLeod,
William Lark, (Seal of E. P. Doane)

(To be continued)



The ships come in—to the big town—from "back East," from "down South," from "up North," and they pass, each on its little errand of life, drifting, riding, speeding, sailing on the choppy seas of New York waters. "Stranger ships," they seldom signal. If they do, it is a wreck, and the silent law of "you must not recognize or you will be set down for a cheap little up who does not know the rules," goes by the board. If they do it, sometimes, they are light-minded ships not worth knowing. And how many times honest craft'd like to know and be known.

A face looks down from a motor car window. A face, passing, pausing, looks up from the sun of the street. They catch and hold—for a beautiful minute. There is a friendly hint of a signal—then the motor car helps—then they regard each other—then soberly they turn eyes away. If the bigger ship has

pride he does not relish being "the kind" that will smile back any more than she does the two more ships. A sail on, that would have liked to have spoken and said, "I like you," and cannot!

The trim white butterfly toy of a "ship" looked down at the heavier, handomer craft and thought, "what a NICE face has I should like to talk to him—and pal with him." And the heavier, handomer craft had looked and thought, "What a lovely looking thing to know and chum with. And just because she'd never let me climb into her car and say, 'I like you,' I KNOW she's a my kind."

There are lonely letters in my cabinet by the pack—that lift their young voices because a ship must pass.

—NELL BRINKLEY.

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Winter Caps	reg. \$ 3.00	Fri. & Sat. \$ 1.50
Spring Caps	" 3.00	" 1.50
Fur Caps	" 13.50	" 8.75
Fur Caps	" 10.00	" 6.75
Felt Hats	" 7.00	" 4.50
Silk Neckties	" 2.75	" 1.65
Dress Wool Socks	" 1.50	" .95
Work Pants	" 6.00	" 3.95
Dress Pants	" 9.00	" 6.95
Combination Underwear	" 3.00	" 1.95
Undershirts	" 4.00	" 2.75
Underwear	" 4.00	" 2.75
Fleece-lined Shirts & Drawers	" 1.59	" .95
Blue Work Shirts	" 3.75	" 2.25
Dress Shirts	" 4.50	" 2.95
Dress Shirts	" 3.75	" 2.35
Men's Suits	" 35.00	" 24.75
Men's Suits	" 28.00	" 20.00
Men's Corduroy Suits	" 31.00	" 23.75
Men's Work Shoes	" 10.50	" 5.95
Regal Dress Shoes	" 16.50	" 10.85
Regal Dress Shoes	" 13.50	" 7.35 & 9.85
Heavy Work Shirts, reg.	3.75 & 4.00	" 2.65

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Ladies' Navy Blue Serge Dress, trimmed with black military braid and buttons, accordion pleats, regular	\$38.00, Friday and Saturday	\$21.75
Ladies' Navy Blue Messaline Dress, trimmed with gold embroidered net on blouse, sleeves and tunic, regular	\$50.00, Friday and Saturday	\$29.50
Ladies' White Wash Skirts of cotton bedford gabardine, novelty plaid, trimmed with buttons, 8 only 1 ft. reg. \$5 to \$7, Fri. and Sat., extra special		\$2.65
Prints, 31-1-2 wide, in navy and light colored grounds, regular 45c, Friday and Saturday		30c
Galatea, 29 inches wide, in navy and light grounds, regular 50c to 60c, Friday and Saturday		40c

See Our REMNAN T TABLE, some Good Snaps to be had

CROCKERY

Water Set	regular \$ 4.25, Friday and Saturday	\$2.50
Bedroom Set, 10 pieces	" 12.75	" 7.50
Bedroom Set, 6 pieces	" 9.00	" 5.75
Sugar, Cream and Spoon Holder	" 2.50	" 1.75
Sugar and Cream	" 4.25	" 2.75
Sugar and Cream	" 3.50	" 3.75
Brown Jugs	" .50	" .35
Brown Jugs	" .35	" .20

BARGAINS IN CUPS and SAUCERS, come and inspect them

Local and Personal

H. W. Powers spent a few days in Calgary.

R. A. Travis was in Calgary for a few days.

Lorne Webster is in California to spend the winter.—Gleichen Call.

Harry Ford's rink beat Bill McLaw's quartette in the first curling game at the rink.

Geoff Palmer, who has charge of the rink, is making fine led for the skaters and hockey games. Geoff is on the job all the time.

Chinook winds are promised by the weatherman. The winter has been a splendid one so far. Coal mines at Drumheller are closing through lack of order.

Witberbee, the man who robbed a Calgary store and got five years in jail for it, told the magistrate he got his automobile from "Blondy". Blondy is a notorious burglar, whom he met in Bassano.

Services will be held in the Anglican Church on Sunday morning at 11 o'clock.

The Masons held a delightful social evening on Friday night last. What took up the forepart of the evening, Mrs. Wright winning the first prize, a yard case, and Mrs. McKee winning the consolation prize, a toy. After luncheon was served dancing was indulged in till an early hour.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Fortier returned last Saturday after spending a week in Calgary.

Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Seal were in Gleichen for the hockey match.

Watson Crawford spent the week end with his parents at Strathmore.

BORN

Hamilton—On Jan. 9th, at Bassano hospital, to Mr. and Mrs. T. A. Hamilton, of Carleton Place, a daughter.

Mills—On Jan. 14th, at the Bassano hospital, to Mr. and Mrs. Earl Mills of Milo, a son.

THE QUESTION BOX

Editor:
 Will you please answer the following question through your paper:
 Can any form of exercise be made violent?
 Answer—Yes.

BASSANO HISTORY

Old-timers have taken keen interest in articles appearing in The Mail concerning the early history of Bassano. Several real old-timers have promised interesting information to form the foundation of future articles and readers may expect something good in this line from time to time. Deputy Sheriff MacGregor who with R. H. Smithers, Frank Berry and a few others, was a pioneer of the town, has consented to provide material for a story of early Bassano days which will appear in The Mail shortly. Others who have recollections of old times in this district are invited to furnish the editor with information.

Grain Prices

Wheat declined 20c in the last 15 days and sold at Winnipeg for 185. May wheat is quoted at 1.82 and July wheat at 1.70. Coarse grains declined in proportion.

Local elevator prices

Wheat, No 1	1 48
Oats, 2 northern	.90
Flax	1 50
Rye	.48

\$10 reward will be given for the return of an stray Alreadale female dog, 8 months old, very dark saddle, answers to name of Muggins. Anyone holding this dog without giving information will be prosecuted.
 Sam Hobbs, Bassano.

The Ladies Aid will hold a sale of home cooking, also have afternoon tea in the Presbyterian Church on Saturday, January 29th from 9 to 6 o'clock.

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